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Task Force Liberty personnel participate in MS100 Bike Tour



Major Fred Evans, team organizer (top left) along with Soldiers, Airmen and civilian contractors push themselves in the Multiple Sclerosis 100 mile marathon at Forward Operating Base Danger, Tikrit, Iraq. Staff Sgt. Douglas Saunders (below), bikes 50 miles during the second day of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's MS100 Bike Tour. Saunders, and 14 other cyclists biked 100 miles on September 24-25 to help raise awareness and funds for the MS Society.

(photos by Spec. Adam Phelps, 22nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)



TIKRIT, Iraq— Fifteen Task Force Liberty Soldiers, Airmen and civilian contractors participated in the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Bike Tour Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24-25 on Forward Operating Base Danger in Tikrit. The riders rode 50 miles each day around the winding, hilly roads of this former presidential compound.

The event coincides with the national MS Bike Tour that occurs throughout the United States from March to November. The bike tours are the major fundraiser for the MS Society, a disease that afflicts 400,000 Americans.

Major Fred Evans, 42nd Aviation Brigade Liaison Officer, organized Team Danger. He says finding riders was easy and that supporting the Multiple Sclerosis Society is just a continuation of the values

the military is based upon.

"Over here we're fighting for our country, fighting the global war on terrorism," said Evans.

"With this bike tour we're trying to help people, not only in the United States but all over the world in fighting this disease," he said. "We're assisting people in trying to find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis."

Team Danger riders started both days in the early morning before dawn so as not to conflict with their daily duties. The participants are part of, or support, Task Force Liberty and the 42nd Infantry Division, which conducts military operations in North Central Iraq.

The riders had \$3,000 pledged in charitable contributions on their behalf to the MS Society.

Iraqi army graduates mark transfer of responsibility from Task Force Liberty



Approximately 150 new Iraqi army soldiers graduated from the 4th Iraqi Army Training Academy, Tikrit, Iraq on Sep. 24, 2005. This is the final graduating class partnered with the 42nd Inf. Div.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Raymond Drumsta, 42nd Inf. Div.

TIKRIT, Iraq – More than 150 new Iraqi soldiers graduated in a commencement ceremony at the 4th Iraqi Army Training Academy here September 24.

The focus of the course was soldiering fundamentals and individual training tasks. The new Iraqi soldiers will join their units in North Central Iraq to continue their training collectively as squads and platoons.

Approximately one-third of the Iraqi soldiers will be assigned to the Ministry of Defense's Strategic Infrastructure Battalions, designated to protect Iraq's key infrastructure.

Once entirely run by Coalition Forces, the military training academy has transitioned over to Iraqi control while partnered with the 42nd Infantry Division and Task Force Liberty. With this final class graduation, the transition to an entirely Iraqi run training program is complete, said academy advisor Maj. Donald McArdle.

The ceremony included recognition to the Iraqi instructors, interpreters, and Task Force Liberty Soldiers who spent the past ten months helping to establish the 4th Iraqi Army Training Academy.

Task Force Liberty delivers supplies to Nawroz Boys School

Story and photo by 116th BCT

FORWARD OPERATING BASE WARRIOR, Iraq – Soldiers from the 116th Brigade Combat Team delivered donated school supplies to a Kirkuk boys' school while assessing possible polling sites.

The team of the 451st Civil Affairs Battalion, Task Force 2-116 Armor and 324th Psychological Operations, Task Force Liberty delivered privately donated markers, pencils and writing tablets to Principal Fasal Amin of the Nawroz Boys' Primary School.

The supplies, donated by individuals from the United States, were delivered during a stop at the school while the team was assessing five local schools for possible use

as referendum or elections polling sites. The supplies were assembled by the Coalition Force's Operation Provide School Supplies program operating here.

"The visit was very positive," said Capt. Alex Carter, a 451st Civil Affairs officer. "The children at the Nawroz Boys' Primary School told us, 'George Bush – A-Okay.'"

Supporting the efforts of Operation Provide School Supplies is part of the 116th Brigade Combat Team's mission while deployed in Kirkuk Province, Iraq. The unit's mission also includes developing and augmenting local Iraqi security forces, assisting Iraq's new government, supporting economic development and facilitating communications.



Principal Amin of Nawroz Boys Primary School in Kirkuk receives markers, pencils and writing tablets from 116th Brigade Combat Team Soldiers. The school supplies were donated by individuals from the United States